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(End of clause)

** Contracting Officer shall insert the appropriate dates.*

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452.211-75 Effective Period of the Contract.

As prescribed in 411.404(b), insert the following clause:

EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT (FEB 1988)

The effective period of this contract is from ____ through ____.*

(End of clause)

** Contracting Officer shall insert the appropriate dates.*

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452.214-70 Award by Lot.

As prescribed in 414.201-6, insert a provision substantially as follows:

AWARD BY LOT (NOV 1996)

Subject to the Section L provision FAR 52.214-10, "Contract Award—Sealed Bidding," award will generally be made to a single bidder on each entire lot. However, the Government reserves the right to award by item within any lot when the contracting officer determines that it is advantageous to the Government.

(End of provision)

452.215-71 Instructions for the Preparation of Technical and Business Proposals.

As prescribed in 415.209(a), insert a provision substantially as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS PROPOSALS (SEP 1999)

(a) *General Instructions.* Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.

(1) The proposal must include a technical proposal and business proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost; however, resource information (such as data concerning labor hours and categories, materials, subcontracts, etc.) must be contained in the technical proposal

so that the contractor's understanding of the statement of work may be evaluated.

(2) Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this RFP, must be clearly identified.

(3) The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in Section M of this RFP.

(4) Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:

(a) ____ * copies of the completed, signed offer (Sections A through K of the solicitation package)

(b) ____ * copies of the technical proposal

(c) ____ * copies of the business/cost proposal

(b) *Technical Proposal Instructions.* The technical proposal will be used to make an evaluation and arrive at a determination as to whether the proposal will meet the requirements of the Government. Therefore, the technical proposal must present sufficient information to reflect a thorough understanding of the requirements and a detailed, description of the techniques, procedures and program for achieving the objectives of the specifications/statement of work. Proposals which merely paraphrase the requirements of the Government's specifications/ statement of work, or use such phrases as "will comply" or "standard techniques will be employed" will be considered unacceptable and will not be considered further. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following:

(Contracting Officer shall identify in this section the minimum information required to evaluate each technical evaluation factor listed in Section M.)

(c) *Business Proposal Instructions.*

(1) Cost Proposal.

In addition to any other requirements for cost/pricing information required in clause FAR 52.215-20, Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data (OCT 1997), the following is required:

(Contracting Officer shall identify additional information required if appropriate.)

(2) Business Proposal.

(a) Furnish financial statements for the last two years, including an interim statement for the current year, unless previously provided to the office issuing the RFP, in which case a statement as to when and where this information was provided may be furnished instead.

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(b) Specify the financial capacity, working capital and other resources available to perform the contract without assistance from any outside source.

(c) Provide the name, location, and inter-company pricing policy for other divisions, subsidiaries, parent company, or affiliated companies that will perform work or furnish materials under this contract.

(End of provision)

**Contracting officer shall insert number of copies required.*

[61 FR 53646, Oct. 15, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 52675, Sept. 30, 1999; 70 FR 50, Jan. 3, 2005]

452.215-72 Amendments to Proposals.

As prescribed in 415.209(b), insert the following provision:

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS (FEB 1988)

Any changes to a proposal made by the offeror after its initial submittal shall be accomplished by replacement pages. Changes from the original page shall be indicated on the outside margin by vertical lines adjacent to the change. The offeror shall include the date of the amendment on the lower right corner of the changed pages.

(End of provision)

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452.215-73 Post Award Conference.

As prescribed in 415.570, insert a clause substantially as follows:

POST AWARD CONFERENCE (NOV 1996)

A post award conference with the successful offeror is required. It will be scheduled within ____* days after the date of contract award. The conference will be held at: ____*.

(End of clause)

**Contracting officer to insert number of days and location.*

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452.216-70 Award Fee.

As prescribed in 416.405, insert a clause substantially as follows:

AWARD FEE (FEB 1988)

The amount of award fee the Contractor earns, if any, is based on a subjective evaluation by the Government of the quality of the Contractor's performance in accordance with

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the award fee plan. The Government will determine the amount of award fee every ____* months beginning with ____*. The Fee Determination Official (FDO) will unilaterally determine the amount of award fee. The FDO's determination will be in writing to the Contractor and is not subject to the "Disputes" clause. The Government may unilaterally change the award fee plan at any time and will provide such changes in writing to the Contractor prior to the beginning of the applicable evaluation period. The Contractor may submit a voucher for the earned award fee. Available award fee not earned during one period does not carry over to subsequent periods.

(End of clause)

**Contracting Officer shall insert appropriate number of months.*

***Contracting Officer shall insert appropriate date.*

452.216-71 Base Fee and Award Fee Proposal.

As prescribed in 416.470, insert the following provision:

BASE FEE AND AWARD PROPOSAL (FEB 1988)

For the purpose of this solicitation, offerors shall propose a base fee of ____* percent of the total estimated cost proposed. The award fee shall not exceed ____* percent of the total estimated cost.

(End of provision)

**Contracting Officer shall insert appropriate percentages.*

452.216-72 Evaluation Quantities—Indefinite-Delivery Contract.

As prescribed in 416.506(a), insert a provision substantially as follows:

EVALUATION QUANTITIES—INDEFINITE-DELIVERY CONTRACT (FEB 1988)

To evaluate offers for award purposes, the Government will apply the offeror's proposed fixed-prices/rates to the estimated quantities included in the solicitation, and will add other direct costs if applicable.

(End of provision)

452.216-73 Minimum and Maximum Contract Amounts.

As prescribed in 416.506(b), insert the following clause: